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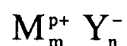
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**APPENDIX A:- COPY OF AMENDMENT TO SPECIFICATION WITH EDITING**  
**INDICIA**

The paragraphs at page 3, lines 5-18 have been amended as follows:

Others have disclosed [US-A-5.807.975 discloses] thermal or room temperature polymerization of episulfide compounds using, as catalyst, a salt of formula:



in which  $M^{p+}$  is a cation selected from the group consisting of alkaline metals, alkaline earth metals, transition metals and ammonium groups,  $Y^{-}$  is an anion of an acid fulfilling the condition  $0.5 \leq Pka \leq 14$ , p is the valency of the cation and  $n = m \times p$ . A preferred catalyst is KSCN.

Although the polymerization time is very significantly decreased when using such a salt catalyst [the salt catalyst of US-5,807,975], there is still a requirement to speed up the polymerization of any kind of episulfides without inducing striation and yellowness or without [whitout] giving a run-away reaction.